

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following two new paragraphs after the paragraph which begins on page 2, line 3.

Japanese Abstract 11093514 describes a sliding door system for a vehicle comprising a drive roller driven by an electric motor and a toothed belt circulating between the drive roller and further driven rollers. As the toothed belt is connected by way of a traction arm to a carrier element for a roller, a sliding door is pulled and the vehicle opening is opened or closed. In the opening or closing movement of the door an electric feed cable is unwound from the roller against the spring force of a spiral spring or wound on to the roller. The electric feed cable unwound from the roller is not exposed outwardly as it is arranged in a lower rail.

Japanese Abstract 2002225644 describes a sliding door system for a vehicle having a coupling device which is arranged within a guide having a plurality of intermediate portions arranged between an end portion and a base end portion, which coupling device can be transferred from an elongate, slightly arcuate arrangement into a substantially U-shaped curved arrangement. Fixed to a roller fixing means secured to a sliding door is a deflection means which has a completely opened deflection guide portion and a completely closed deflection guide portion, which is in contact with the end of the guide of the coupling device both at the beginning of the opening movement of the door and at the beginning of the closing movement of the door in order to restrict the deflection of the guide means of the coupling device in the opposite direction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 16, with the following amended paragraph.

According to the invention that object is attained ~~in that, in~~ by a sliding door system of the kind set forth in the opening part of this specification, ~~the guide device for the line receiving means is integrated into the guide rail for the guide element of the sliding door .~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 12, with the following amended paragraph.

~~Preferably, provided~~ Provided at an end of the guide rail which is directed towards an end of the vehicle, that is to say towards the front of the vehicle or towards the tail of the vehicle, is a deflection region for the line receiving means, by which it is deflected through a given angle in a given direction when moving towards the end of the vehicle, while connected to the deflection region is a channel-shaped guide in which the deflected portion of the line receiving means extends as a first run, which is adjoined by a substantially semicircular arc of a predetermined radius and same is adjoined by a second run, the end of which is stationarily connected to the vehicle body.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 24, with the following amended paragraph.

The curvature of the deflection of the first run of the line receiving means at the end of the guide rail, which is directed towards the end of the vehicle, and the substantially semicircular deflection of the line guide device between the first and second runs, with respect to the longitudinal extent of the line guide device, ~~can be~~ are in the same direction. The second run can thus be arranged in a region which is included between the two portions of the first run, wherein the two portions respectively adjoin the deflection.